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You Get Santa's Bill

In these days, federal, state and local taxes take the cream from the earnings and savings of the average U. S. family.

The total tax bill today is a major problem for the head of a family. It must be paid ahead of groceries, clothes, home payments, doctor bills and everything else. It can be no other way. Governments can't run charge accounts for individuals.

Near confiscatory taxes have been brought about by the people themselves. They vote for candidates for office and for public officials who promise them all manner of luxuries for which the various levels of government, local, state and federal, have no money to pay.

There is only one place for governments to get money and that is from the people. The more the people seek to get from their governments, the higher will go the taxes they have to pay. It is as simple as that.

The people will get no tax relief from governments as long as they swallow the Santa Claus bait of "something for nothing" from the tax spenders. For every handout promised, they will pay through the nose.

If you think federal "gifts" come free, think again—you will get the bill in some old or new form of taxation.

Only you can control your tax bill and mounting inflation by using your vote to restrain extravagance in governments and tax waste of your earnings and savings.

Remember that the bill for all Santa Claus gifts from governments goes to you with your tax statement.

Opinions of Others

A graduating senior asked this question in a recent panel discussion: "What's wrong with relying on government for our economic welfare?" This is a good question and one that deserves a straightforward answer. There is both a moral and a practical reason why we should avoid looking to and relying on government for our economic welfare. Such avoidance may at times call for a real display of courage and wisdom, but it is man's only long-term assurance that his government will remain an impartial servant instead of becoming a fearful master.—*Charleston (Mo.) Enterprise-Courier.*

The world of tomorrow should be quite a place to live in. With the President's signing of the Medicare bill another social benefit has been gained. Now we have unemployment benefits, social security benefits, poverty benefits, and Medicare benefits. If we can get benefits for childbirth and death we should have it made. The only question that arises in my mind is who is going to foot the bills when everyone is enjoying a Roman holiday. Anyway, the Utopia we dreamed about yesterday is here today.—*Skowhegan (Me.) Somerset Reporter.*

Really we hate to be a bug about this and speak so often on section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act in our editorial column, but it seems that not enough of this issue is getting to the grass roots. We at the Blue Mt. Eagle do not hold an antiunion attitude. We feel that unions have brought the American worker wages and working conditions he could not otherwise obtain. We believe there must be a check against overbearing management situations, and unions can combat this effectively. However, we believe that unions also need a check. Without some sort of safety valve, they can become as overbearing as certain industries were before unionism.—*John Day (Ore.) Blue Mt. Eagle.*

"Radical" was the term used by Sen. Wallace F. Bennett. "Socialistic" was the word Sen. John Tower selected. Other adjectives employed by congressmen were "foolish," and "incredible." They were words used to appraise the multibillion-dollar housing bill when it received Senate approval. One portion of the legislation is particularly difficult for Republican senators to accept. It is the rent subsidy provisions which calls for the U. S. government to help pay rent for low income families. It seems odd that during the nation's most rapid advance in gross national production we also find it necessary to enact such omnibus welfare measures as the antipoverty law and the new housing legislation.—*Ontario (Calif.) Report.*

People are becoming calloused. They aren't too shocked about accident statistics. They aren't, that is, until the tragedy of mishaps strikes home. Then it is a case of crying: "Why did this happen to us?"—*Leaksville (N.C.) News.*

In any analysis of juvenile delinquency, children of Oriental descent have always been conspicuous by their absence from the statistics. Unfortunately, there are indications that this may no longer be true. Police in Sacramento for instance, report increasing involvement of Chinese and Japanese youths in such things as thievery and knifings. Such hitherto unheard of incidents have caused much soul-searching among the second generation Japanese, the Nisei. "Somewhere along the way we feel we are failing," said one elder. Offered a captain of the Sacramento Police Juvenile Bureau: "I imagine it's because the kids are becoming Americanized." What kind of society are we building where a police officer can matter-of-factly consider "Americanized" and "criminalized" as being virtually synonymous?—*Selma (Ala.) Times-Journal.*



ROYCE BRIER

They Doubt Him in Asia, Love Him at White House

We sometimes have ambivalent Presidents, in fact a President whose attitudes are always predictable is likely to be a little dull.

Well, we have an ambivalent President in Lyndon Johnson, all right, and this appears to be the view of close observers, like White House correspondents, who like Mr. Johnson one minute, don't like him the next. Perhaps the ambivalence is in the observer.

A great many "liberal" observers, or just people, don't like the President in the Viet Nam war thing. They think he is stubbornly reflecting a face-saving compulsion in high places, including the military, and they think his arguments in support of his cause are faulty.

These people, despite Mr. Johnson's political mastery at home, think he lacks understanding abroad. They think he is subject to illusions about the place of the United States in the world, about its power to impose its will, about the ethics of its exercise of that power.

They believe he is leading this country on dangerous paths inconsonant with its tradition and its true destiny as a citadel of freedom and free determination in history.

So what are these disgruntled observers to think of the President's address to some thousands of college students on the White House lawn, in which he undertook to say what the United States is all about, and what it has always been all about?

For in this informal sally, manifestly not whipped up by some pompous writing team, the President just about hit the nail on the head so far as concerns the true purpose and destiny of the American people and their government.

He said that America needs young people who want change, because America was conceived, and America was brought into being by young people who believed the condition of man could be changed. And that is what we believe today.

Now that is an eminently

sound pronouncement of the position of a majority of the American people, and it is a sound estimate for 1776, as Mr. Johnson was at pains to mention. Were it not true, the United States would hardly exist today as a citadel of freedom, though it might survive as some closed empire dedicated to upholding the wrongs and inertia of the past.

Mr. Johnson, hearing cheers (who hates them?) warmed right into his subject. ". . . the cause of America is a revolutionary cause, and I am proud this morning to salute you as fellow revolutionaries." Pretty strong, eh? But we are forever haunted by two granite men, Washington and Lincoln, both revolutionaries in the full historical sense.

So now what will the students do, all the young, all the liberals, all the resolute adversaries of a fossil society? They doubt him in the jungles of Saigon, they love him on the White House lawn. But come to think of it, who ever taught you to expect otherwise of life and history?

WILLIAM HOGAN

Artificial Rules Trap Writers, Author States

He was introduced by George Logan Price of the San Francisco State English Department as "the greatest novelist in America today." But Ken Kesey insisted he is not a writer any more. Since "Sometimes a Great Notion" there has been no writing for him. He is unable to continue this work. Once you learn to do something with ease, the tendency is to do it over and over again, simply because there is a market for it, like the paintings of Walter Keane. Today's novels have become "commercials," and writing a sales pitch of one kind or another.

Rather than write, the author of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Sometimes a Great Notion" will ride buses, study the inside

of jails, see what goes on. Yes, he will continue to observe; to tape-record and film; to hear how people talk and see how they act—as in novels they do not. Nothing new has been written in hundreds of years, because writers are trapped by artificial rules. We are trapped in syntax. We are ruled by an imaginary teacher with a red ball point pen who will brand us with an A-minus for the slightest infraction of prescribed building rules. Even "Cuckoo's Nest," it seems to its author now, is a little more than an elaborate commercial. Only William Burroughs has broken out of the trap, because Burroughs goes so far out that the fear stops.

On the lecture platform, speaking informally without notes, Kesey suggests the Christ figure played by Marlon Brando; a lumberjack in a pink shirt, whose philosophy is basically Christian in the raw, First Century sense. Kesey's afternoon appearance marked the concluding session of a special San Francisco State Summer English Institute for teachers. His message might be summed up simply: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

In his sermon (and sermon seems to be the word

in the case of this Christian hipster, this contemporary turner-of-the-other cheek) there was much mention of "the Christ walk." This is the walk we all must make if the world is to be brought into some recognizable perspective.

He was in Hollywood the other day to push a movie idea based on the life of John Muir. "I was trying to sell out . . . if anybody would take me." In Hollywood they have the finest toys in the world to play with, but no one is having fun writing, like so many things today, Hollywood is one step removed from life. "Be aware," in our time, has come to mean "beware," be afraid. How to break out? To make it back? The novelist had no answer, except that we must learn how to see again, and how to hear.

Like Kerouac, perhaps like Burroughs, Kesey represents the hipster Christ. The image is that of the modern mystic coupled with the old circuit-riding preacher fired with The Word. One felt that with all his reservations, Kesey will continue to write, and in his own way. If only to emphasize that the farther out one takes the Christ walk, the more one lives, the faster the fear stops.

Strength for These Days (From The Bible)

We have the mind of Christ. —(Cor. 2:16)
It is difficult for some people to make decisions. We should be sure that we are not mistaking fear and doubt for reason. We have within us the wisdom of the Christ mind. When we need a course of action we should place the matter under His direction, and be led to the right decision.

Sacramento Report

Presence of Guardsmen Makes Riot Insurrection

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL

Assemblyman, 46th District
The armed insurrection in Los Angeles County made it the duty of Glenn M. Anderson, Lieutenant Governor of the State, to order Lt. Gen. Rodrick L. Hill, the Adjutant General of California, to send the California National Guard into Los Angeles County for active duty.

Anderson at that time was acting Governor of California because Governor Edmund G. Brown was in Europe. As soon as Governor Brown returned to California, the responsibility shifted back to him. I use the phrase "armed insurrection" because that is exactly what Gen. Hill called the series of riots, murders, arsons, and other felonies.

Section 1, Article VIII, of the Constitution of the State of California was part of the Constitution of 1849, revised in 1879. It says:

"The Legislature shall provide, by law, for organizing and disciplining the Militia, in such manner as it may deem expedient, not incompatible with the Constitution and laws of the United States. Officers of the Militia shall be elected or appointed in such manner as the Legislature shall from time to time direct, and shall be commissioned by the Governor. The Governor shall have power to call forth the Militia to execute the laws of the State, to suppress insurrections, and repel invasions."

A few explanations are necessary in order to clearly understand this old section. First, the word "Militia," spelled with a capital "M," referred to the organized militia in 1879, as distinguished from the unorganized militia, which consisted of all able-bodied men and boys. The organized Militia was a strictly military force under the Governor. If the President of the United States, acting with or without the U. S. Congress, wanted to call the Militia of any state into federal service, he had to send a written request to the Governor of any state from which he wanted troops to serve outside the state in which they were raised.

Please notice that Article VIII mentions the election of commissioned officers. Prior to World War I, the National Guard was officially designated as Militia, and its officers in the grades of Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and Captain were elected by their own enlisted men. Officers of the grade of Major and above were almost always appointed by the Governors of the several States.

Also please notice that the last sentence of Section 1, Article VIII, very definitely sets forth the fact that there are only two situations where the Governor (or acting Governor) can call forth the Militia (National Guard now). These are: (1) "to suppress insurrections," and (2) "and repel invasions." This is one of the reasons that Gen. Hill referred to the anarchy in Los Angeles County as an "armed insurrection." Another reason is that thousands of the rioters and looters were actually armed with rifles, shotguns, revolvers, semi-automatic pistols, and other deadly weapons.

The same Article VIII of the State Constitution makes it the duty of the California State Legislature to "provide by law, for organizing and disciplining the

Militia" etc. This has been done by the California Legislature many times since Article VIII was revised in 1879. For example, I am the author of the law enacted in 1963 which provides that the Adjutant General of California shall have the rank of Lieutenant General. This law was and is necessary for many reasons.

There are other articles and sections of our State Constitution, and many state laws which directly pertain to the armed insurrection in Los Angeles County. In addition, there are provisions in the United States Constitution and in the federal laws which directly bear on all the high crimes and misdemeanors which have been committed and are being committed currently. Furthermore, there are city ordinances of the City of Los Angeles, the

City of Long Beach, and other cities which have been violated and currently are being violated in the name of "civil rights," "civil liberties," etc.

Negroes are not the only ones involved, and all Negroes are not to be condemned for what some Negroes did and are doing. There were and are white people involved, directly and indirectly, in the armed insurrection. Some of the white people are in public office, elective and appointive. Gen. Hill and the National Guardsmen under his command; Chief of Police Parker and the Los Angeles Police under his command; Sheriff Pitchess and his deputies; and other law-enforcement officers are not in this category. They have my unqualified support and that of all right-thinking citizens.

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Good Advice For Newlyweds

BIG-NAME SAFARI: Cary Grant and his bride, Dyan Cannon, will be here Sept. 9 to board APL's President Roosevelt. Destination: Japan, where he'll star in a movie titled "Walk, Don't Run"—excellent advice for all 61-yr-old newlyweds . . . Jack Benny has decided nobody—even Jack Benny—can follow Judy Garland at the Circle Star here (she opens Aug. 31), so he has canceled his Sept. 7 opening; but it takes two to replace him: Woody Allen and Erroll Garner . . . Lush life: Bing Crosby and Trader Vic, who've leased Brooks Island, in S.F. Bay, for a little private hunting and fishing, have now leased (for \$300 a month) a 50-foot two-story houseboat "so the ladies will have a place to powder their noses." By golly, those fellers think of everything . . . Historical note: Director Mervyn LeRoy stole into the Warfield for a sneak preview of his latest movie, "Moment to Moment," an item of lavender hue only because half a century ago, little Mervyn used to sell newspapers on the sidewalk there . . . Danny Kaye won his commercial pilot's license in L.A. and was so elated he kept right on flying to S.F. for a spot of Chinese food with Johnny Kan.

CAENDID CAMERA: Dr. Wernher von Braun, signing autographs, including three for a little girl who explained doubtfully to the questioning physicist: "I MIGHT be able to trade them for one Ringo Starr" . . . At Jack's, Irving Schulman, author of "Harlow," brushing off a newsman's questions about Jean Harlow: "I'll talk about Viet Nam, Santo Domingo or Selma, Alabama, but I will NOT discuss trivia!" . . . Cartoonist Charlie "Peanuts" Schulz, rambling about his strip: "I draw Snoopy's doghouse in profile because he's a fantasy. If I drew it three dimensional it would become a real dog house and it follows that Snoopy would become a real dog. A while back I made a mistake and worked in a cat. The cat, being new, became real and Snoopy was in danger of becoming real, too. I got rid of the cat. Besides, I draw lousy cats."

CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN dropped in at Bimbo's to catch the winds from Notre Dame, the quartet headed by Calif. Atty. Gen. Tom Lynch's son, Kevin. After the show, the Chief Justice smiled to Tom: "Excellent group—much better than my team in Washington. These sing together all the time. (Pause) Of course, my group uses a fairly tricky 5-4 harmony!"

BE THE first kid on your block to know that Suzi Parker and Brad Dillman expect their first child Aug. 30. Certny they're married, frevinsakes . . . The Beatles will get more security than LBJ at the Cabana, Aug. 30-31: police, Sheriff's office, Highway Patrol, the Santa Clara football squad, and the 400-strong Beatle Bobbies—teen-agers who control their own. It is alleged . . . Guitarist Charlie Byrd owns six toupees but isn't wearing even one here "because this is a topless town." Even so, he's a good guitarist . . . Willie Mays has signed a public relations contract with Coca-Cola, and, as Herman Franks knows, things DO go better with Mays . . . Frightening reports from a traveler: "I just flew in on a plane that carried a bomb—they showed 'The Sandpiper!'"

Morning Report:

I see that "Playboy" — a magazine about as political as a 38-inch bustline — has been burned in Indonesia on the order of Premier Sukarno.

It's to be gathered that "Playboy" went up in flames not only because it is American but also because the Premier proclaimed it immoral. At the same time, he cracked down on rock-'n-roll music, twist dancing and other popular foibles of the day.

All in all, Sukarno has turned out to be a big disappointment to America. Not only a disappointment; but a surprise as well. On all of his tours to the United States, he was a boozier at parties and a notorious girl chaser (startlets and stewardesses were his speciality). Just a regular guy away from home on a fat expense account. How could he turn on us?

Abe Mellinkoff

Quote

There is more serious drinking among adolescents than anyone really appreciates, including the parents of the adolescents. — Dr. James L. Chipps, San Diego psychologist.

I want my children to have an inviolate sense of personal independence and an absolute inner integrity to go with it.—Denise Appel, 19, San Francisco.